

First Reading: March 10, 2026
Second Reading: March 17, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 14337

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 14137 ON JULY 23, 2024, ARTICLE IX, USES, TABLE 38-41.1, USE MATRIX, AND SECTION 38-42, PRINCIPAL USE STANDARDS TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY FROM “ADULT USE” TO “ADULT-ORIENTED ESTABLISHMENT”.

WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga adopted a new zoning ordinance, Ordinance No. 14137, on July 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 38 of the Chattanooga City Code regulates certain adult-oriented businesses and land uses; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee state law, including Tennessee Code Annotated Title 7 and related provisions, uses the term “adult-oriented establishment” to describe such uses; and

WHEREAS, other provisions of the Chattanooga City Code and local municipal regulations also use the term “adult-oriented establishment”; and

WHEREAS, the current zoning ordinance uses the term “Adult Use,” which is inconsistent with state law and other sections of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment is intended to ensure consistency in terminology, improve clarity, and avoid ambiguity in interpretation and enforcement; and

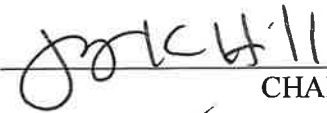
WHEREAS, this amendment is a terminology change only and does not expand, reduce, or otherwise alter the types of uses permitted, prohibited, or regulated under the zoning ordinance.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 38, Zoning Ordinance, be amended as follows:

Amend Chapter 38, Article IX. USES, Section 38-41.1: Use Matrix and Section 38-42. Principal Uses (a) by replacing the term “Adult Use” with “Adult-Oriented Establishment”.

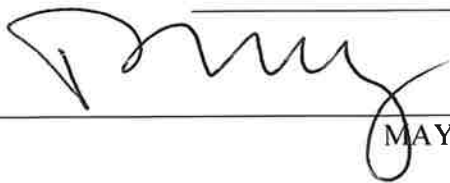
SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect two (2) weeks from and after its passage.

Passed on second and final reading: March 17, 2026



CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED: DISAPPROVED:



MAYOR

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